



The Off-Site Source Recovery



Project News

RECOVERY

On November 15, 2001, the Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL) Off-Site Source Recovery (OSR) Project recovered an excess radioactive sealed source from the New Mexico Highway Department in Santa Fe, New Mexico. The source was an excess Americium/Beryllium well logging source, which prior to the OSR Project's assistance, had no disposal path.

LANL's mobile packaging van, radiation control technician, and OSR Project personnel were dispatched to package and transport the unwanted sealed source. The source was brought in to LANL facilities for interim storage, where it will be combined with similar excess and unwanted sealed sources from around the United States, pending disposal. During fiscal year 2001, the OSR Project recovered over 2900 sealed sources, which have been consolidated into about 130 storage containers at LANL.



The OSR Project recovers and manages unwanted sealed sources for the US Department of Energy (DOE). The intent is to reduce the potential health, safety, and environmental risks to the public, posed through excess radioactive sealed sources.



Questions regarding this recovery or other issues can be directed to 505-665-8292



Information about the OSR Project is available at: <http://osrp.lanl.gov>.

